

the idea of allowing conglomerates to own more broadcast outlets in a given market is totally repugnant. We should have more local diversity, not less. The more concentrated the local power, the narrower the points of view that will be allowed to get across. Yes, we have the internet. but to use the internet, you have to be able to sit down and interact with it. we listen to the radio while we drive, clean house, etc. the TV is a family appliance and local news is really important to us. we don't want a limited number of people steering us in terms of reporting on local politics. the station owners will decide what news is newsworthy, which commentators to air, etc. they will gain inordinate power. I can see the benefit to Disney, et al, of this proposal but i don't see any benefit to the consumer. the only rationale I hear is that it is better for the conglomerate stockholders. Well, as a stockholder, I have been badly burned in the last few years by liars who mouthed similar pieties. This looks like a money grab. yet another money grab. enough of that. the radio waves belong to us, not the big conglomerates. the public will get no benefit from this from the arrogant media moguls. they will talk to advertisers about the large market presence they will have. That proves the argument that it is a concentration of power. they have the market share, they have control of the market.